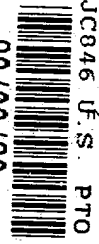


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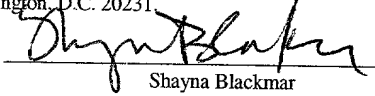
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Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 23 page specification, 13 pages of claims (Claims 1-100), and a one page abstract. The disclosure constitutes the application of Milburn I. Knudson, Jr. and Clois E. Powell for the above-entitled invention.

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/273,271 filed on March 2, 2001 entitled "Preparation of Polymer Nanocomposites by Dispersion Destabilization."

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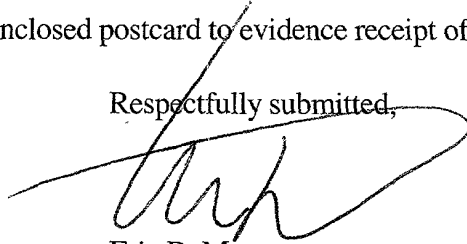
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